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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS "GHOST ZONE" SITUATION AS OF 0900 HRS, THURSDAY 27 MARCH.

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1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.

2. OPERATION GHOST ZONE CONTINUED TO EXHIBIT STEADY PROGRESS AS RURAL MOBILE POLICE (UMOPAR) AND U.S. SNOWCAP PERSONNEL MOVED IN FORCE INTO OTHER BASTIONS OF NARCO-TRAFFICKING ACTIVITY. ON 25 MARCH, UMOPAR AND SNOWCAP EFFECTIVES RAIDED THE COCA MARKET TOWN OF PARACTITO IN THE WEST CENTRAL CHAPARE REGION AND ARRESTED SEVEN PERSONS AND CONFISCATED COCAINE LABORATORY EQUIPMENT. ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, 26 MARCH, OVER 200 UMOPAR AND SNOWCAP PRSONNEL SATURATED THE AREAS AROUND THE CENTRAL CHAPARE TOWNS OF SAN JOSE, SAN JULIAN, FOUR CORNERS (QUATRO ESQUINAS), THREE CORNERS (TRES ESQUINAS), AND BOLIVAR. THIS MOVEMENT BEGAN DURING THE EVENING OF 3/26 AND ENDED IN THE EARLY MORNING OF 3/27. OVER FIFTY PERSONS WERE ARRESTED AS A RESULT OF THIS OPERATION.

3. ABOUT THIRTY PERCENT OF THOSE ARRESTED HAVE BEEN PRESELECTED TARGETS. THE LARGE AMOUNT OF PERSONS BEING APPREHENDED HAS TAXED THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO PROCESS ALL THE DETAINEES. ENFORCEMENT UNITS WILL ATTEMPT TO BE MORE SELECTIVE IN FUTURE RAIDS IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF ARRESTEES TO THE MOST DESIRABLE SUSPECTS.

4. REGULAR NATIONAL POLICE UNITS ARE BEING MOVED INTO THE CHAPARE IN ORDER TO BOLSTER THE UMOPAR-SNOWCAP EFFORT. OVER 100 POLICE ARE BEING BUSED IN FROM COCHABAMBA TODAY AND ANOTHER 140 ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE TODAY FROM LA PAZ. A FURTHER 60 POLICE WILL ARRIVE TOMORROW FROM LA PAZ. THESE UNITS WILL BE USED PRIMARILY FOR GARRISON, GUARD AND CHECKPOINT DUTY, THEREBY FREEING UMOPAR TO CONCENTRATE ON OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS. BOWERS
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